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Letter of Protest
Docket No. _____

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Date: * 3/10/21

Protestant Information			
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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach pertinent information if necessary.)

I am a customer of Domion Energy living in Charleston, SC.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach pertinent information if necessary.)

I do not know if my entire comment posted to this box. Please see attached for ther complete comment.

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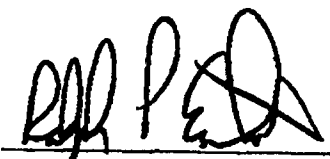
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3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

NO

Signature Required:



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I also cannot comprehend why the Public Service Commission would let Dominion treat its SC customers more unfavorably than its Virginia solar customers. That just does not make sense.

Dominion says they need to change net metering to make solar roof top customers pay their fair share of the energy infrastructure system. The issues to this are:

- Doesn't renewable energy mitigate Dominions need to build more power plants?
- Dominion "promised" all SC customers, including those who had shifted to solar roof tops, up to \$1,000 payment for past overcharges by SCE&G. They "reconfigured" that arrangement and said they would just reduce rates going forward to compensate SC customers. Those of us who shifted to solar just before Dominion took over never got our share of the \$1,000 payment AND, of course, the impact of the "reduced rates in place of a check" have had a disproportionate little benefit for us. So we roof top customers have already helped Dominions infrastructure since their rate reduction did not apply significantly to us.

I sincerely request that the Public Service Commission not approve Dominion's proposed change to net metering. If they want roof top solar customers to contribute more to the electric grid, then increase the basic facility charge on our monthly bill.

Worse case, please do not let a monopoly change arrangement already agreed to with already in place solar roof top customers. We did our analysis based on the long term and it is inappropriate, in my opinion, to let the monopoly change the basic foundation upon which long term financial plans were made. If the Public Service Commission agrees that net metering should be revised, do it on new customers and then let the public know that Dominion has convinced the Public Service Commission that new solar customers will only add to the costs that Dominion must incur.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ralph Earhart

Charleston, SC